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EDITOR LOOKING FOR COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS (Update):

I want to thank the many who replied with comments/suggestions about my Yaesu FT1000MP radio problems. The majority suggested it is worth having the radio repaired. There were several places (as well as some individuals) that were suggested to do the repair. However, the majority picked two places:

1) WA4GEG - http://www.hamradiobug.com/
2) Burghardt -http://www.burghardt-amateur.com/

I have not yet decided what I am going to do, but it looks to be one of the two above because of their high rating, and it may be sometime before I can have it repaired....

Thanks again for the help/suggestions, and 73 de Tedd KB8NW
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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 24th/January, through Sunday, 31st/January there were 221 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8,

EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/m, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH5, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/g, VP8/h, VP8/s, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

2015 CQMM DX CONTEST RESULTS

Ed, PY4WAS, President of the CWJF Group , reports [edited]: Congratulations to all 978 participants (re- ceived logs) from 112 DXCC entities who took part in this competition sponsored by CWJF Group. Database shows 143,538 QSOs from all Continents. During cross checking log process, we could validate about 96% of QSOs among over 8,024 callsigns listed on all the received logs. We are very happy with world wide response to CQMM DX Contest. Pse QSP! Help us to disclose the results between radio amateurs/clubs and groups of your country. The CWJF GROUP's Website:

http://www.cwjf.com.br

4X, ISRAEL (Special Event)

Amir, 4X6TT, will be active as 4X429DS from "The Earth's Lowest Elevation On Land Ever" at 429 Meters Below Sea Level (The Dead Sea) between March 3-6th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. A very special award will be awarded to each station that has confirmed him on 3 bands (any Mode). QSL via N4GNR. Look for more info to be published on the 4X429DS **QRZ.com** page.

60M NEWS

Nodir, EY8MM, has received a license to operate on 60m as wel as 4m. He is using wire antenna. QSL via K1BV.

6Y, JAMAICA

Operators Robert/N4GU, Dan/W0CN, Kyle/WA4PGM and Everett/WZ8P will be active as 6Y6Y from Jamaica (NA-097) during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES

Wolfgang, DK1HW, will be active as 8Q7HW from Safari Island Resort on **Mushimasgali Island (AS-013**) between June 20-28th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using CW, SSB and PSK31, and running 100 watts into verticals in the seawater. QSL via DK1HW.

8R, GUYANA

Alex, W1CDC, will once again be active as 8R1A from Guyana between April 11-24th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters, including the 30/17/12m bands, using CW mainly. There will be SSB on the local Caribbean nets. His rig is a Yaesu FT-450D with a MFJ-

904H Tuner into a G5RV antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. NO IRCs, COINs or STAMPs. Look for more details on his **QRZ.com** page.

9M0, SPRATLY ISLANDS

Michael, DF8AN, will be active as 9M0S from Layang **Layang Island (AS-051)** between April 19-29th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using mainly CW. QSL via DF8AN, direct or by the Bureau. No eQSL and NO LoTW. For more details and updates, watch his Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/227645770903070/?fref=nf

A2, BOTSWANA

Operators Nobby/G0VJG, Nick/G4FAL, Giles/M0TGV, Tony/G4DLD and Edd/GM0WED will be active as A25UK from Tuli Block between April 13-19th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO, direct, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS (direct or Bureau). For more details and updates, see:

http://www.prismembroidery.co.uk/dxexp/a25uk

A3, TONGA (Update)

An international group of amateurs will descend onto Heilala Holiday Lodge, a beach resort from the Kingdom of Tonga, during the last two weeks of February 2016 (around February 18-24th. Dates to be finalized later.). The callsign will be A35T. This trip encompasses the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21st). Activity will be on 160-10 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY (antennas, weather, propagation all per- mitting). Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1822.5, 3528, 7028, 10128, 14028, 18078, 21028, 24898 and 28028 kHz
SSB - 1848, 3788, 7088/7188, 14188, 14288, 18138, 21288, 27938 and 28488 kHz
RTTY - 3588, 7088, 10138, 14088, 18100, 21088, 24920 and 28088 kHz
6m - 50108/CW and 50108/SSB

QSL via M0URX. Operators mentioned are Madison/W5MJ (Team Leader), Rich/K5NA, Susan/K5DU, Paul/W5PF, Bob/W5RF, Dale/KG5U, Dave/VA7AM, Neil/ VA7DX, Keith/VE7KW and Roger/ZS6RJ. Pilot stations are: Don/N7BT (WC-USA), Tony/K2SG (EC-USA) and Franz/DL9GFB (EU). For more details and updates, see:

http://www.tonga2016.com

C6, BAHAMAS

Ken, AG2K, will be active as C6AKE from Nassau, New Providence Island (NA-001) early March. Activity will be on the HF bands. Operations will also include the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th). QSL via LoTW.

CN, MOROCCO

Mike, DF8AN, will be active as CN2AY from Marrakech between March 25-29th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using mainly CW. He will be testing various antennas to use on his 9M0S operation (see above) and looking for real reports. QSL via DF8AN, direct or by the Bureau. No eQSL and NO LoTW.

D4, CAPE VERDE

Massimo, IZ4DPV, will once again be active as D4C from **Sao Vicente Island (AF-086)** during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (??m) entry. QSL via HB9DUR direct or IK2NCJ by the Bureau.

DAYTON HAMVENTION NEWS

*** 2016 DAYTON TOPBAND DINNER (Update/27th Annual Event!)**

Tim, K3LR, is pleased to announce that Tree, N6TR, will be the featured speaker at the 2016 Dayton Top Band Dinner. The dinner will be held Friday evening May 20, 2016, at the Crowne Plaza in the Presidential Ballroom - downtown Dayton, Ohio. For more details, on the 2016 Dayton Top Band Dinner, go here:

http://topbanddinner.com

DX3, PHILIPPINES

Operators Jim/W4RS (DU3JH) and Larry/N0QM (DU3LA) will be active as DX3R from Subic Bay during the CQ WPX RTTY Contest (February 13-14th). They plan to use vertical antennas. QSL via LoTW.

DXCC APPROVED OPERATION

Sharon Taratula, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

TT8AMO -- Chad; 2015 Operation

FG/TO66, GUADELOUPE

Operators Gildas/F6HMQ and Michel/F6GWV will once again be active between February 26th and March 14th. Look for them to sign TO66R during the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL TO66R via F6HMQ. Outside of the contest they will be active on all bands signing FG/homecall. QSL via their home callsign.

FT4JA JUAN DE NOVA DXPEDITION (Press Release dated January 26th) [edited]

Thank you for your engagement! -- We are extremely happy to receive donations for our project. Everybody is now well aware that the countries of the Top 10 DXCC are not easy to activate, sometimes because of difficult access, sometimes because of the political situation or the extremely high budget required to organize an expedition.

Juan de Nova has long been on the list of these islands activated reg- ularly by scientists, mostly members of the French meteorological agency and occasionally by soldiers. The last major activity was in 2003 from the nearby island of Europa. Almost 13 years of silence to an island in the Indian Ocean, close to other very common entities DXCC list. That's right, this little island is located about 100km from the western coast of Madagascar. So why is it complicated and expensive to go?

Well, first of all, it's a question of authorization. Like other islands JDN is administered by the French Southern and Antarctic Lands prefecture, which is in charge of these territories. Most of them are classified as nature reserves to maintain these places as wild as possible. Moreover, it

is no coincidence that these places are often considered reference (level 0) in terms of human impact. Millions of birds can breed and nest in peace, like turtles. It would be nonsensical to allow streaming missions.

After our operation since 2014 Tromelin TAAF accepted our application for authorization, possibly because of mutual trust and positive relationships established during these years of preparation . For our part, we do our best not to be a "weight" to these people and ensure immediately take into account all the remarks and recommendations of the different services involved.

From one place to the other, the constraints are different and we had to rethink a number of aspects of the operation. Air transport used in 2014 was not possible, mainly because of the volume and weight to carry. The assistance received (transport crates) for Tromelin was not possible this year.

Therefore, we had to settle for maritime solution by soliciting a ship allowed to park in the lagoon and to transport our team and our equipment. With the various tourist taxes, this represents about 70% of the total budget. The cost of our energy independence is also important because we have to route multiple generators and proper electrical installation and motor fuel (10-15%). For an operation of this magnitude, these costs are difficult to compress, especially need respect us a precise schedule of load, which we will waive do not.

On the other hand, we tried to best optimize our costs and makes as much as possible to use the material available from each of us or loaned by our generous sponsors. Although the team (10 operators) finance a good part of the expedition - which is quite logical, we launched an appeal to amateur radio associations around the world as well as from DX'ers. It is indisput- able that this mobilization has led to progress in the organization and that without it, our expedition would have remained at the planning stage.

To you, contributors, sponsors or members of associations/clubs/founda- tions that help us, we take you hat off. However, it is important that the mobilization will continue on different continents to continue to support the team's efforts.

We can only be proud and happy to so many brands of sympathy and generos- ity.

Who says the Ham Spirit no longer existed?
ADDED NOTE BY EDITOR: Be sure to follow them on their Web site, Facebook and Twitter at:

http://www.juandenovadx.com
http://www.facebook.com/juandenovadx
https://twitter.com/juandenovadx

HC, ECAUDOR

Bill, W0OR, will once again be active as HC1WDT from Cotacachi between March 2nd and April 29th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mostly CW with some RTTY. Operations will also include the ARRL Inter- national DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to his home callsign.

HH2, HAITI

Jim, WS6X, is now active as HH2/WS6X from Haiti until February 2nd. Activity will be on 60/40/20/17 meters. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW.

HI3, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Gab, HA3JB, will be active as HI3/HA3JB from **Dominican Republic (NA-096)** sometime in September. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. Operations will also include the CQWW RTTY DX Contest (September 24-25th). QSL via his home callsign, direct or his OQRS (see **QRZ.com**).

IOTA NEWS

. **AF-018**. Operators Gianfranco/IT9SPB, Giuseppe/IT9HBT, Paolo/IT9MYB, Gabry/IT9RGY and Andrei/RA6LBS will be active as IH9A from **Pantelleria Island** (IIA TP-001, MIA MI-124, WW Loc. JM56XT), African Italy, during the CQ 160m SSB Contest (February 26-28th) as a Multi-Op/Not-Assisted/High-Power entry. Their set-up will be a Elecraft K3, 4-Square full size vertical antennas and 5 beverage from 300m long with the sound system by Andrey, RA6LBS, Low Band System. QSL via LoTW.

AF-119. A video (about 37 mins.) of the recent November S79C Coetivy Island DXpedition is now available on YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKXIJVWvKos#t=291

AS-056. Taka, JA8COE, will be active as JA8COE/6 from **Ona Island** between April 8-9th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

EU-090. Operators from Croatia and Germany will be active as 9A8DXG from **Palagruza Islands** between May 28th and June 4th. The team will consist of Maticic/9A2MF, Mladen/9A2NA, Emir/9A6AA, Heinz/ DC5WW, Manfred/DD0NM, Sascha/DH6TJ, Robert/DK2RO, Anton/DL8AW and Thilo/DL9NBJ. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes, with EME on the VHF bands. QSL via DL8AW or the OQRS **www.codxg.org**

NA-151. Bo, OZ1DJJ, will once again be active as OX3LX from **Christian IV Island** between February 11-18th. Activity will be on the HF Bands, as well as 6 and 4 meters. Emphasis will be on the low bands (80,160 and 60m) when time permits. Bo states, "It is not a DXped so I will only be QRV when not at QRL. Best chance is in the morning around lunch and after dinner (local time UTC+2) In the weekend also during night/morning." QSL via OZ1PIF. For more info and updates, see: **http://geronne.dk**

OC-022. Emmanuel, F5LIT, is now active as YB9/F5LIT from **Bali Island** until February 5th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign direct. No Bureau.

OC-165. Operators Allpa/9M8ADX, Wat/9M8WAT, Dennis/9W8DEN and Keith/ 9W8KIF will be active as 9M8RC from S**atang Besar** between April 29th and May 1st. QSL via 9W8KIF direct.

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For February)

The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of February 2016:

GX4BJC/A - Operated from Ivybridge, in Devonshire, by Peter, G4VFG. (/A WAB Square SX65 - England, IOTA **EU-005**, WLOTA 1841).

MX1SWL/A - Operated from Skegby, in Nottinghamshire, by Merv, G0UJD. (/A WAB Square SK56 - England, IOTA **EU-005**, WLOTA 1841).

ALL QSLs will be handled by Herbie, G6XOU, and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on

www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc

NO LoTW. I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWLs, see **www.iswl.org.uk** for full details. The eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for their awards.

K5P PALMYRA DXPEDITION WRAP-UP

The K5P team went QRT from Palmyra Atoll o January 26th. The K5P team made 75230 QSOs with 18267 Unique callsigns per ClubLog as of 1844z, January 26th:

https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=K5P

Breakdown by modes are 43820/CW, 23254/SSB and 8156/RTTY. Breakdown by percentage by Continents are .4/AF, 0/AN, 34.2/AS, 11.3/EU, 46.1/NA, 4.6/OC and 3.4/SA. QSL via the OQRS by ClubLog is "Highly Recommended". Logs will be posted to LoTW 3-6 months after the conclusion of the DX- pedition. For other routes see their Web page. It has been reported that the ClubLog's OQRS is now active. Check the K5P Palmyra2016 Web page for for any new updates and the donation page, at:

http://palmyra2016.org

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active from here as NP2P during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 20-21st) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW.

P4, ARUBA

Jens, DL2RMM, will be active as P40MM from Paradera, Aruba (SA-036) starting next week (length of stay was not provided). Activity will be holiday style (family vacation) and limited, using a FT450AT with an 'Up and Outer' multi-band vertical. QSL via DL2RMM (Bureau only, no direct, no eQSL).

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (February 1-7th)

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Feb/01st AN      Feb/04th  AN     Feb/06th  AN
Feb/02nd HN      Feb/05th  AN     Feb/07th  AN
Feb/03rd HN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY               GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal       Quiet         K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal        Unsettled     K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal         Active        K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal       Minor Storm   K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed          Major Storm   K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm  K=6-9       100-400
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REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE http://www.bandconditions.com:
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, checkout the VOACAP predication Web page at:

http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (January 31st)
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4J90UD via DL6KVA         OO5C via ON5HC        TM1A via F6KOP
4KRA29 via 4K4K (d)       OP1A via ON6UQ        TM39PVJ via F8GGZ
4V1TL via W3HNK           OT5A via ON7LR        VP8SGI via KU9C
BG5VSD/IK7YTT via EA5GL   R1943S via RZ4AWB     W5M via KG5GBH
DQ200RHH via DF7PN        R1LK via RV1AQ        W8/UR5MID via UR5MID
II8FC via IZ8XJJ          RJ7A via RA9YA        YO2016BALKAN via YO3KAA
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (*-B) DX's- Bureau
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only  (L) LoTW only
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QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: C31MF, CN8KD, MW0CRI, OH4A, OM7KW, SM4XIH, UA0AV and VE6AO

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: DL4SVA, S01WS, SV2ASP/A, SV5/OM3AG/P, T2TT, V5/DK1C and V73D

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4X0W, 5B/G7VJR, 5B/R2DX, 5B/W2TAA, 8J1RL, 8J6HAM, 8N150KC/1, 9M2/JE1SCJ, 9M2/R6AF/P, 9M6DXX, 9M6XRO, 9M8YY, 9V1JA, 9V1VV, 9V1SV, 9V1XX, 9V50XX, H27A, HC2AO, HC2WAT/8, CT9/R9DX, KB7OBU/KH2, MD2C, MD2CCE, PJ4DX, PU2KGK, PU2KKE, PU2TDN, PY2CX, PY2DS, PY2IQ, PY2GG, PY2KA, PY2LJK, PY2LPM, PY2LW, R0SAP, R0CM, R0TR, R73RDA, R90BA, R2015P, RA0SK, RA0SAS, RV0SS, RA0LMO, RA110RAEM, RC0LAD, RF9C, RI1ANC, R1ANF, RI1ANP, RI1ANR, RI1ANT, RI1ANZ, RI1N, RI0K, RI0X, RK0QZ, RL0L, RT0F, RU9HM, RU0FM, RU0SD, RV0SK, RW0LL, RW0LX, RX0SA, SV2/RW3AL, SV9/R2DX, UA0FAM, UA0KBG, UA0LAE, UA0LEP, UA0SF, UA0SR, UA0ZC, UB9JBN, UC3C/3, UD9CT, UF2F, UE2SK, VK5PAS, ZS2/RD3MX and ZL7X

T48, CUBA

Members of the Las Tunas Contest Crew (T48K) will be active during the next ARRL

International CW Contest (February 20-21st) as a Multi-2 entry, celebrating its 15th anniversary of foundation. T48K was active for the very first time during ARRL contest in February 2001, and won 6th place World and Continental leadership as a Multi-Single entry. This time the crew has included guests, two good friends and well-known DXpeditioners: Kenneth/OZ1IKY and Pekka/OH2TA. The rest of the team will be founding members Doug/CO8DM and Raúl/CO8ZZ. Station setup will include a K3 and IC 756ProIII radios, two elements VDAs on 10, 15 and 20 meters, as well as wire verticals on the low bands. Antennas farm will be located a few feet from sea water were the area is a swamp during the high tides. The team is planning some activity before and after the contest mainly on the lower bands. QSL via DK1WI.

T8, PALAU

Rick, WB5GSA, will be active as T88SA from Peleliu Island (OC-009) in mid-February. He hopes this activity will start around/after February 15th. According to the "Daily DX" he will be using "dipoles and a vertical, which he hopes to install on the beach. While operating from the beach he'll be QRP and from the hotel full power with his FT-897D." QSL via his home callsign.

T8, PALAU

Mike, JA6EGL, will once again be active as T88SM from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on **Koror Island (OC-009)** between April 13-18th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns.

T8, PALAU

Kan, JJ2RCJ/AB2RF, will once again be active as T88RF (callsign may change) from Palau (OC-009) between May 1-5th. Activity will be focused on the Digital modes (PSK63/Hell, but mainly RTTY). QSL only via JJ2RCJ, by the Bureau or direct. Also via LoTW. For updates, watch:

http://www.qsl.net/ab2rf/framepage1.html

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

Thaire, W2APF, will be active as V47JR from Nevis (NA-104) between February 22nd and March 1st. Activity will be holiday style on CW and SSB, using an Elecraft KX3 with KXPA100 and KX1. Antennas will be Buddipole and wire. He states that he will try to self spot when on the air. QSL direct via W2APF.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT (Update)

Operators Scott/NE9U and Ron/KK9K will be active as VP2MWA and VP2MRF, respectively from **Montserrat Island (NA-103)** between February 16-23rd. Activity will be on CW, SSB and RTTY. They will be using VP2MWA during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21st) as a Multi-? entry. QSL VP2MWA via NE9U, direct or by LoTW. QSL VP2MRF via KK9K direct.

VP8SGI SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS

Members of the Intrepid-DX Group are now active as VP8SGI from South Georgia Island as of about 1500z, January 29th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Reports from Antonio, EA5RM, VP8STI/VP8SGI Chief Pilot, on Sunday stated that the VP8SGI team is running with six stations at the same time. Good reports are coming from EU

and NA after their first day of operation. Paul, N6PSE, describes South Georgia Is. as an amazing, very beautiful, windy and cold place. They are surrounded by Penguins and youg Seal pups.

Check their Web site for photos. The team did report that the biggest problem for them is the out of turn calling (specially from EU and NA). So PLEASE, let's help them run the pile-up. The VP8SGI team will depart from South Georgia on February 8th.

PLEASE NOTE: QSL VP8SGI via KU9C, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. As this was being written, the VP8SGI team made 13342 QSOs with 6425 Unique callsigns per ClubLog as of 2035z, January 30th:

https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=VP8SGI

Breakdown by modes are 9852/CW, 957/RTTY and 2533/SSB. Break-down by percentage by Continents are 1.7/AF, 0/AN, 9.8/AS, 45.6/EU, 35.0/NA, .5/OC and 7.4/SA. For more details on the stations layouts and other detailed information, see:

http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8

VP8STI DXPEDITION WRAP-UP

Members of the Intrepid-DX Group went QRT as VP8STI from Southern **Thule Island (AN-009)** at 2025z, January 25th. If you have been following OPDX's special bulletins from Antonio, EA5RM, VP8STI/VP8SGI Chief Pilot, the team had very trying times during their last few days (70 MPH winds; blizzard-like conditions; antennas damaged by the high winds; team to abandon its equipment/belongings and return to their transport vessel [R/V Braveheart]; their skipper, Nigel Jolly, declared an emergency on January 25th at 2120z, ordering the VP8STI team to cease all operations and come back to the ship because a large ice floe broke away due to the storm and threatened to block the entrance to the bay where the team had camped, raising the possibility that the ship might not be able to retrieve the operators], but all the operators are safe and are now active from South Georgia Island as VP8SGI (see above). QSL VP8STI via N2OO, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. ClubLog's OQRS is now active.

The VP8STI team made 54642 QSOs with 17337 Unique callsigns per ClubLog as of 2025z, January 25th: https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=VP8STI Breakdown by modes are 14058/SSB, 37382/CW, 3201/RTTY and 1/PSK31. Break- down by percentage by Continents are 1.6/AF, 0/AN, 6.7/AS, 55.5/EU, 30.4/NA, .9/OC and 5.0/SA. For more details and possible updates, see:

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LAST MINUTE ADDED NOTE: Bob, N2OO, VP8STI QSL Manager, informs that any log inquires should be send to **vp8sti_logresearch@yahoo.com**. Non-log issues can continue to go to his regular email address.

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Operators Mike/W1USN and Bob/AA1M will be active as YN5RN and YN5PL, respectively, from Nicaragua between February 20th and March 5th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL YN5RN via W1USN or LoTW. QSL YN5PL via AA1M or LoTW.

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